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## America's most successful 3rd party holds presidential convention in July

**In votes, candidates, and office-holders, Libertarians are #1**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The most successful American third party of the past three generations will hold its 1996 presidential nominating convention in early July — and is hoping to use it as a springboard to even greater electoral impact.

**The Libertarian Party's 1996 National Convention will be held in Washington, DC, July 3rd to 7th,** at the Hyatt Capitol Hill Hotel, where delegates will select a presidential candidate to appear on all 50 state ballots.

"We're hoping that 1996 is the year where we finally have significant impact on the one race that has thus far rebuffed us — the presidential contest," said the party's national chairman Steve Dasbach.

By almost every other political measure, though, **the Libertarian Party has been the most successful American third party of the last 75 years:**

■ In 1992, Libertarian Party candidates polled 1,056,690 votes for U.S. Senate. This marked the first time any nationally organized third party topped the one million vote mark for either house of Congress since 1914.

■ In 1992, Libertarian Party candidates won 889,027 votes for U.S. House — the best showing for any third party since 1914.

■ When certified on all 50 state ballots in 1996, the party will become the first third party in American history to achieve 50-state ballot status two presidential elections in a row

■ Libertarians expect to run more than 218 candidates for U.S. House in 1996. This will make them the first third party since 1920 to run candidates for a majority of U.S. House seats.

■ The Libertarian Party now has 174 members serving in public office. This prompted the December 22, 1995 issue of *Congressional Quarterly's Researcher* to report: "[These] Libertarian officeholders give the party a status that no third party has enjoyed in decades."

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